

**City of Milwaukee**  
**Meeting Minutes – DRAFT**  
**BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN TASK FORCE**

*Caressa Givens, Claude Krawczyk, Kevin Kuschel (DCD),  
Nicholas La Joie, Daniel Roufus (MPD) Andy Tillman, Angie Tornes*

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Wednesday, April 7, 2021

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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1. Meeting commenced at 5:00 PM.

**Members Present** 6 – Givens, Kuschel, Krawczyk, La Joie, Tornes

**Members Excused** 1 –Roufus, Tillman

**Other Attendees** – Kathy Brengosz (Legislative Reference Bureau), Kirsten Finn (guest), Mitchell Henke (appointed member), Montavius Jones (appointed member), Alexis Nehmer (guest), Brian Peters (guest), Rebecca Rabatin (DOA-ADA Coordinator), Dave Reid (guest), Chris Sandor (guest), Tim Springer (guest), Cinthia Téllez (appointed member), Mariiana Tzotcheva (guest), Lee Valentyn (guest), Marcia Zalenski (guest), Bill Zalenski (guest), Paul Zettel (guest), Jose (guest), Ashley Norris (guest), 2 guests joined by phone

2. Approval of Minutes from March meeting

*Motion to approve minutes for March 2021 meeting was approved (Motion: Kuschel; Second: Krawczyk)*

3. The Chair will recognize the service of departing task force member Angie Tornes

*Givens commended Tornes for her career of public service and leadership in the Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force (BPTF). Tornes accepted the recognition and shared a few words.*

4. Exercise related to developing a Mission & Vision for the task force

*Kuschel reviewed the results from the Jamboard exercise held at the March BPTF meeting. Participants then contributed additional ideas in the categories of causes, actions, and impacts. The group continued to discuss the next steps for how to use these ideas to finalize a mission and vision statement for the BPTF. The exercise will continue at the May BPTF meeting.*

5. Discussion related to results of Re-Visioning the City of Milwaukee Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force survey and discussion of technical assistance opportunity

*Givens reviewed the results of the survey. The top three priorities respondents wanted to see the BPTF work on were safe streets policies (as advisors), safe streets plans (as advisors), and safe streets projects (as advisors). Givens also led a discussion that included topics such as meeting time, subcommittee structure, and potential initiatives that the task force could undertake. **Starting on May 5, BPTF meetings will be 90 minutes and begin at 4:30 PM.** Task force members were in general agreement with the results of the survey and direction of initiatives going forward. Givens mentioned that the Milwaukee Safe and Healthy Streets grant from the Medical College of Wisconsin has provided them and other public advisory and advocacy groups with strategic planning opportunities from an outside consultant which will be tasked with analyzing the group's overall functionality and providing feedback on how to better improve the group.*

6. Update from DPW on Jefferson Street Protected Bike Lanes and discussion of next steps

*Hannig presented an update on the proposed protected bike lanes project on Jefferson Street in downtown Milwaukee. Henke asked about next steps including the need for project plans to be created. Members of the Friends of Cathedral Square shared concerns raised by other board members and businesses along Jefferson St between Mason St and Kilbourn Ave. Rabatin expressed concern over the issue of accessible on-street parking on Jefferson Street. Le Joie and Hannig discussed the various impasses that have affected the project since 2019. Other corridors such as Van Buren Street and Plankinton/2nd Street were also suggested as alternatives. Givens suggested DPW share more information about the previous stakeholder meetings and revisit the topic at a future task force meeting.*

7. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM (Motion: Givens; Second: Kuschel)

A recording of the meeting can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/B9jrcrcV1XQ>

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